



1st Armored Division Legal Assistance Office



MARRIAGE IN DENMARK

This handout provides information about the requirements for getting married in Denmark. Marriages performed in Denmark are recognized as valid marriages in the United States.

If you are marrying in Denmark, you will need these documents:

1. Birth certificate or valid passport.
2. If under the age of 18, written permission from the parents and from the appropriate administrative authorities (in Copenhagen: the *Overpraesidium*; outside Copenhagen: the *County Prefect*).
3. A declaration form, signed by both the bride and the groom. This form and other information may be obtained from the Marriage Office (*Bryllupskontoret*) in the City Hall of Copenhagen. The address is:

Kobenhauns Magistrats 1. AFD.

Radhuset

1599 Kobenhaun V

Denmark

4. If either party is divorced or widowed, he/she must send a copy of the final divorce decree or certificate of the former partner's death by registered mail. *United States divorce decrees generally do not meet the requirements of Danish law.* The Ministry of Justice may require an additional statement from the court where the marriage was dissolved indicating that the divorce was finalized, the effective date of the divorce, there has been no appeal, and both parties are legally free to remarry. The divorce decree should be sent to the Ministry at least one month prior to the desired wedding date to ensure acceptance.

5. Those planning to marry in one of the cities of Jutland or Funen should send their documents to:

FYNS STATSAMT

Norregade 36-39

DK 5000 Odense C

Denmark

6. Those planning to marry in a city on the island of Zeeland should send their documents to:

ROSKILDE STATSAMT

Algade 12
Dk 4000 Roskilde
Denmark

Danish law requires that both parties be physically present in Denmark several days prior to the marriage.

If there are any problems, please contact the Domestic Relations Legal Office at:

Familieretskontoret
Slotholmsgade 10 DK
1216 Copenhagen K
Denmark

Documents need not be translated for marriage in Denmark, and a translator will be supplied by the Registrar for the civil ceremony.

All service members must have their ID cards and leave orders for Denmark.